

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 Apr 64	2. LOCATION LaMadera, New Mexico	12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 26/0830Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE civilian	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE stationary	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Witness reported seeing an obj emitting flames. Police called to investigate. No noise. Obj stationary. Light suddenly went out. Much publicity following Socorro sighting. Witness had been drinking heavily.		11. COMMENTS Area where light was emitted was used as a dumping area. Burned spot at this location.	

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A 20-year-old Edgewood youth says he fired six shots at one of New Mexico's unidentified flying objects.

State Policeman Tommy Richardson of Moriarty reported he received a telephone call from Don Adams of Edgewood about 1:30 a.m. today.

The report said Adams told of seeing the object about 40 feet off the ground. He said it appeared to be a fluorescent or glowing green-colored object about 25 feet long.

He told the officer he drove his car under the object and his car stalled. The youth reported he then got out and fired six shots at the object, reloaded and fired again, without effect. The officer said he did not determine if Adams was using a rifle or a pistol.

Adams' account was one of several such reports that have kept New Mexico and military authorities busy since Monday.

Newspaper offices and broadcast stations were receiving a few telephone calls about similar sightings but most callers would not identify themselves, saying they did not want to be ridiculed.

The reports came from points following a line from near Abiquiu Reservoir south of Truth or Consequences, north to an area near Espanola.

Similar Reports

All the reports are similar in that they describe oval or egg-shaped objects with size estimates ranging from the size of a car to about 30 feet or longer. State police and military officials have confirmed finding scorched earth at the sites, and wedge-shaped depressions that officers say appear to have been left by some type of landing gear.

Spokesmen at all New Mexico military bases say they have no such aircraft fitting the descriptions.

Reports from Monday night included:

A man who refused to identify himself because he said he would be laughed at, said he saw a ball of red flame land near Las Vegas. He made no estimate of the size of the ball. He said he was going from Lake McAllister in Las Vegas when he saw the object.

New information has been revealed about other sightings.

State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez said he was told by Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora that the UFO he saw Friday, the first of the series of sightings, had red markings on its silvery side. Chavez said Zamora told him the design was an inverted V with three bars crossing it, but that the Air Force had told him not to discuss the markings.

Three sightings occurred Sunday night. An unidentified 18-year-old girl told Socorro police she saw a fire with something in it in the same vicinity where Zamora had been.

Orlando Gallegos, 35, of Santa Fe, said he saw a craft as long as a telephone pole and about 14 feet in circumference near his father's home north of La Madera.

State Police Capt. Martin Vigil investigated the La Madera sighting. He found the ground still smoldering 26 hours after the sighting. He said there was nothing in the area when he left, except a table was nestled among the bushes, evidently by a campfire.

Saturday night two additional motorists said an object similar to the egg-shaped, silvery craft he could see

Edgewood Man Says He Shot At and Hit Flying Object

By United Press International

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As he paused to reload, the man said, the object moved slowly northward. He was unable to determine whether he hit it 7 to 12 times. He described it as being a light green color, about 25 or 30 feet long, and silent. He said it hovered about 100 feet directly over his head.

Edgewood is about 30 miles east of Albuquerque.

A few hours earlier, a tourist in the Las Vegas area reported seeing a ball of fire which apparently landed near a radio station. Employees of the station said the man asked not his name be withheld because he was afraid of being fined.

Police also received similar stories Sunday from a Santa Fe man, Orlando Gallegos, who said he was driving along U.S. 285 near La Madera, about 30 miles north of Santa Fe. He said of seeing a bright glow from numerous lights around the bottom of the craft, as it took off.

State Police Capt. Martin Vigil, who checked out the incident, said there was definitely something there.

Other calls came from an unnamed man, who said he saw a "bright light" above the mountains, never in the last 10 years, he said.

discovered were "paw prints, almost identical" in size, like a mountain lion's," according, marking, character well as "landing gear marks and landing gears to marks."

Photos Mailed

The associate director of Interplanetary Intelligence of same object," News said. Unidentified Flying Objects Zamora, when contacted at his office that pictures of an UFO had not yet received the sighted in 1958 by a ship-board radio officer were being mailed to Zamora.

The photos were taken by men Air Force bases and T. Fog, aboard the USS Ranger, the Sands Missile Range, off the California coast, continued efforts to investigate. The HUFO officer, Hayden, said the sightings... with no news, said the object was gone in sight.

Santa Fe: Reports

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ring of blue flame erupting from many jets around the bottom of the craft. The jets were noiseless and were turned off while he watched. He saw no persons around the craft which he described as a windless bright metal, egg-shaped object and as long as a telephone pole, and probably 14 feet in circumference.

No one ventured out of the Gallegos home again during the night. The object was gone in the morning, but the ground was still smoldering.

A team of investigators at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, was to visit the scene.

Whether it was the same UFO or another one is unknown, but Undersheriff James Luckie said a tourist told him in a cafe here Sunday night that a low-flying, bright object had nearly crowded him off U.S. 285 two miles south of Socorro between 7:30 and 8 p.m. The unidentified tourist was traveling north on 285, and the object going south.

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Mrs. Lorenzon said the sighting of an object northwest of Espanola early Sunday was similar to the one described at Socorro. She said she is investigating the other reported sightings during the past few days.

The organization was formed by Mrs. Lorenzon in 1952.

newly-formed Congression action committee, which will be active in connection with legislation affecting Albuquerque's interests.

The board authorized the chamber's convention depa

SOCORRO (UPI) — Dr. J. Allen Hynek, special unidentified flying object consultant for the Air Force, arrived in Socorro Tuesday night to begin his investigation of a Socorro policeman's report that he saw a mysterious flying object last Friday.

Dr. Hynek said he hoped to talk to the policeman, Lorraine Zamora, and then visit the site where Zamora says he saw the object this morning.

Dr. Hynek, of the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University, said he would decide whether to visit Espanola, where another object was reportedly spotted over the weekend, after his investigation of the Socorro incident.

He said he had not been advised by the Air Force if his presence here indicates that the government has eliminated the possibility of U. S. aircraft having caused the reports.

Capt. Hector Quintanilla, chief of the Aerial Phenomena Branch at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, said Capt. David Moody of the office already was in New Mexico and would assist Dr. Hynek in the investigation.

Tired of Object

The most recent report of the objects came early Saturday morning from Steve McCormick, Tommy Richardson, of the US-66 community of Moriarity.

He said he had a call from Don Adams of Edgewood, near Moriarity, who told of seeing an object about 100 feet off the ground. He said it appeared to be a fluorescent or green-colored glowing object.

Adams told the officer he drove his car under the object and his car stalled. The youth reported he then got out and fired six shots at the object, reloading and fired again.

The report was another in a series which have kept New Mexico and military authorities busy since Zamora's initial report Friday. The reports, until Tuesday, had come from points following a line from south of Truth or Consequences to an area near Espanola.

Space News Related
At Tucson, the director of the Astronomical Observatory

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LA MADERA, April 27 (UPI) — A Santa Fe resident reported today he sighted an unidentified flying object Sunday near La Madera, northwest of Espanola.

A team of investigators from Kirtland Air Force Base, a group from Washington, D.C., and the FBI were expected to join State Police this afternoon to investigate the new report.

State Police also received a report from two men traveling in the same general area Saturday night that a flying object, definitely not an airplane, had swooped down toward their car, then veered off.

The report was the second during the past weekend, with the first coming from a Socorro police officer.

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AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



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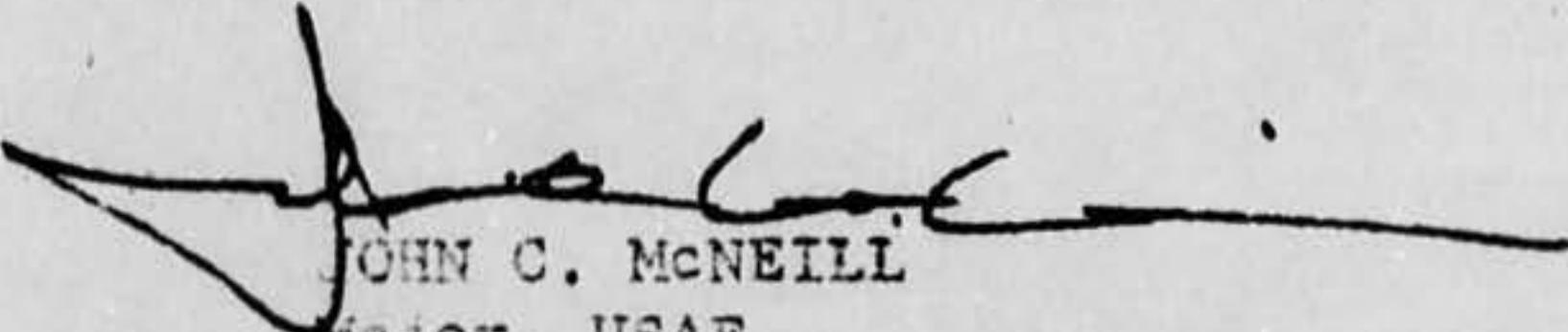
SUBJECT: Extract from OD Report dated 27 Apr 64

28 Apr 64

To: TDE (Capt Quintanilla)

The following, extracted from Maj Weaver's OD Report dated 27 Apr 64,
is quoted for your information:

"AFSC Command Post called at 1645 relaying a UFO report as follows:
At approximately 0130 local time near Espanola, N.M. on 26 April a
Ranger's son observed an object emitting flames and noise. His father
sent him back to bed. The next morning the Ranger and his son investi-
gated the area near where the object was sighted. The grass was burned
and still smoldering and there were footprints in the vacinity. They
notified the state police and Kirtland AFB. The prints were similar
to those reported on the 25th April at Socorran, N.M. Personnel from
Kirtland are at the site now."



JOHN C. MCNEILL
Major, USAF
Administrative Officer

Information Only
Source: The UFO Reporter, Summer, 1964

La Madera, New Mexico
26 April, 1964

ZAMORA-LIKE OBJECT SEEN

La Madera, New Mexico, April 26 - Orlando Gallegos, 35, of Santa Fe, reportedly was witness to an ellipsoidal object similar in description to the one observed by Socorro policeman, Lonnie Zamora, in the vicinity of his father's home north of La Madera.

While occupied in the activity of chasing away stray horses, he noted an unusual craft resting upon the ground in a gravel area some 200 feet distant. The UFO was reported to be the length of a telephone pole, with a circumference of 14 feet. Rings of blue flame emitted from jets about its underside.

It attempting to persuade his family to come out and observe the craft, he was particularly unsuccessful, for they were too frightened to accompany him. The next morning, however, they all examined the landing area, noticing the ground to be still fumy from the previous night.

State Police Captain Martin Virgin, upon checking the charred area, noticed that the rocks present within the center of the landing site were cracked, and a bottle nearby had melted. Green brush in the surrounding area had been set afire, evidently from intense heat. Four depressions and unusual "paw-prints," resembling those of a Mountain Lion, were also seen.

The Air Force, although having sent investigators into the area, has thus far remained silent on their findings, if any.

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made of a shiny metallic substance, had no windows, and was as long as a telephone pole and about 14 feet in circumference. It was egg-shaped and resembled a large butane tank.

The next morning, feeling braver in the daylight, the family went out to take a look. The UFO was gone, though the ground was still smoldering! Local police were notified, and found a large charred area, strange marks in the ground resembling paw prints, and depressions similar to those found at Socorro. As a matter of fact, it is reliably reported that the ground was still smoldering twenty hours after the sighting! The charred area, seen by police, Air Force officials,

and many other people, was about 20 feet in diameter. Large rocks within the area showed evidence of extreme heat, while others a few feet away were not damaged at all. Even pieces of glass and metal were found melted and fused. A police officer ventured the opinion that no fuel presently known to mankind would leave the sort of traces found at La Madera. He also felt that the evidence indicated an extreme heat of short duration. We do not yet know what conclusions, if any, were formulated by the Air Force.

THE SECOND NEW MEXICO LANDING: Another sensational saucer landing occurred near the town of La Madera, New Mexico, within hours of the Socorro incident. At about 12:30 a.m., Orlando Gallegos, who was visiting his father's home there, went outside to chase away some horses. It was then that he saw a strange craft of some sort sitting on the ground in a gravel area. He was about 200 feet from it, and was afraid to get any closer. When Gallegos first sighted the UFO, there was a ring of blue flame erupting from numerous jets around the bottom of the craft. He heard no noise, and as he watched, the flames were turned off. Gallegos did not see anyone or anything moving around outside the UFO.

He returned to his father's house and told the family about the incident, but apparently they were all too frightened to go outside to take a look. Gallegos' wife later described him as looking "badly shaken." He returned twice more, alone, to gaze in amazement at the object. He said that it was

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UFO SIGHTINGS
IN NEW MEXICO
LAST WEEKEND
BY RONALD LEE STOVER

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Socorro Girl Suffered by Civil "The Egg" Object

A 10-year-old girl was treated for "infrared burns" on her face after she said she watched an "egg-shaped" object hovering near Lowell Elementary School Tuesday noon for about 10 minutes.

Young Sharon Stull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Stull, 1409 Millicore SE, told her parents and Police Lt. C. K. Jolly, the "queer looking thing" bounced up and down about three times in the sky and then left.

Jolly said the girl's younger sister, Robin, 8, also saw the object but refused to look at it and ran off to play. The girl was treated by a physician for burns about the eyes and nose who, according to Jolly, said he believes Sharon "saw something and it burned her."

Sharon said it was not the sun she was looking at. She told Jolly the object was to the northeast and the sun was behind her. Her parents said Sharon is very truthful.

SOCORRO: — Dr. J. Allen Hynek, noted unidentified flying object consultant for the U.S. space program, is Socorro Monday night to begin investigation of a Socorro woman's report that she saw a previous flying object on Friday.

He could be hoped to see the policeman, Lonnie Zamora, and then visit the same village. Zamora says he saw the object this morning.

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Other recent report of the object came early Tuesday morning from State Police Lt. Tommy Richardson of the US-66 community of Espanola.

He had a call from the towns of La Union, northern New Mexico, who said they had seen an object about 100 feet above ground. He said it was a large, translucent or semi-transparent glowing ob-

ject and the children he saw were under the object were unharmed. The youth said he had got out and run away from the object and had never seen it again.

Richardson said he called the other two men who saw the object and they both confirmed the sighting. Zamora's report, Friday. The reporter said, however, had contact with police following a letter from a man of Truth or Consequences in an area near Espanola.

See following story.

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UFO SIGHTING DALLAS AREA

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The organization was formed by Mrs. Lorenzon in 1968.

UFO Sightings Aug 12-13 Over Wide Area

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

State officers and the military are investigating more unidentified flying object reports.

The reports came from Socorro and the Espanola area.

State Police Capt. Martin Vigi said investigators from Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque were to arrive in Espanola today after noting the similarity in the different reports.

All of the reported sightings are similar in that they describe oval or egg-shaped objects, flames surrounding the craft when on the ground, scorched earth and wedge-shaped depressions that officers say appear to have been left by some type of landing gear.

The latest report came from a Santa Fe resident, Orlando Gallegos, 33, who told of seeing an object early Sunday morning at his father's home north of La Madera, sitting in a gravel area.

State Police received a report from two men traveling in the same area Saturday night that a flying object, which they said definitely was not an airplane, had swooped down toward their car, then veered off.

In Socorro, where the first such report came Friday evening from a city officer, a tourist, George McDonald, of Albuquerque, told officers yesterday night the "unidentified flying object" was an upside down bathtub, without lights except for a glow like exhaust underneath it, come up over the crest of the mountains and then go back down.

An unidentified girl, about 18, told Socorro officer Bill Pyland that she saw a fire in the hills southwest of Socorro Sunday night, where city officer Lonnie Zamora first reported seeing an "egg-shaped object" fly away from a draw. She said she went to within 300 feet to 500 feet from the fire when she thought she saw something in the flames. She then left to report it.

Albeit the report from Gallegos, State Police Capt. Martin Vigi said, after visiting the site, "There was definitely something there."

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Gallegos said he had gone out to chase away some horses when he saw the object. He said he was about 200 feet away when he first saw it.

Gallegos said there was no noise and as he watched, the thin metal sheets were turned off. He said he didn't see anyone or anything moving around the craft.

He said he returned to the house and told his family but no one else ventured outside. Gallegos said he remained outside to look at the object. He described it as being of thin metal, without windows, as long as a telephone pole and about 11 feet in circumference. It was egg-shaped, he said, and resembled a large barrel gas tank.

Capt. Vigi said the ground was smoldering late Sunday and he found what looked like four points along with the depressions that indicated some type of landing gear.

The captain said he contacted Kirtland AFB and an unidentified officer there said a team of military law enforcement was en route.

State trooper N. G. McDaniel of the Socorro State Police said he was investigating the Socorro area.

It was not clear whether the reports came from the same place or just from different areas, but the Socorro area, he said, had been the scene of many sightings.